

## **Property Tax Work-Off Program**

### **To qualify, a taxpayer:**

- Must be sixty (60) years of age or older as of July 1, 2012.
- Must have principal place of residence in Newton, Massachusetts as of July 1, 2012
- Must have gross income less than \$40,000 if such person is single and not head of household, less than \$50,000 if such person is head of household, or less than \$60,000 if such person files a joint tax return with spouse.

**UPON APPROVAL, THE TAXPAYER IS ELIGIBLE TO EARN UP TO \$1,000\* WHICH WILL BE CREDITED TO TAXPAYERS REAL ESTATE TAX BILL.**

\*Federal Tax and other deductions will be withheld

## **Newton Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund**

The City of Newton has created a special fund to assist elderly and disabled persons of low income who are having problems paying their property taxes.

**The Newton Taxation Aid Fund** provides modest grants to help elderly and disabled citizens faced with temporary financial hardships. The grants are used to pay a small portion of a homeowner's real estate taxes.

Priority is given to property owners who do not qualify for aid from other tax assistance programs.

For complete details, requirements and an application either visit the City of Newton Web Site or call the Assessing Office at 617-796-1160.

## **CITY OF NEWTON**

### **Department of Assessment Administration**

As provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, the Board of Assessors administers tax assistance programs for various eligible property owners. The programs are summarized in this folder.

Additional information and the necessary application can be obtained by visiting or calling the department of Assessment Administration at 617-796-1160.

Applications must be filed within three months of the mailing of the actual (third quarter) tax bill. The deadline will be in **March of 2013**. Applications must be filed on time and annually.

## **General Information**

### **Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

617-796-1160

1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, MA 02459

City of Newton Web Site

[www.newtonma.gov](http://www.newtonma.gov)

## **CITY OF NEWTON**



## **Current Guide to Tax Assistance Programs**

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## **For Older Citizens CLAUSE 41C**

### **To qualify, a taxpayer :**

- must be 65 years of age or older as of July 1, 2012 **AND**
- must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years **AND** owned property in the state for five years **AND** must have occupied the property as of July 1, 2012 **AND**
- all co-owners must have a whole estate (the value of personal property excluding domicile) of less than \$40,000 if single, \$55,000 if married **AND**
- all co-owners must have an income less than \$20,000 if single, \$30,000 if married, after subtracting an allowable exclusion.

**UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO A \$1,000 EXEMPTION.**

## **Elderly, Surviving Spouse, Minor Child CLAUSE 17D**

### **To qualify, a taxpayer :**

- must be over 70 as of July 1, 2012 **OR** must be a surviving spouse **OR** surviving minor child **AND**
- must have owned and occupied the property for five years **AND**
- must have a whole estate ( the value of personal property less domicile) of less than \$40,000

**UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO A \$175 EXEMPTION.**

## **Disabled Veteran CLAUSE 22**

### **To qualify, the taxpayer must be a veteran or the spouse of a veteran AND**

- have a service connected disability of 10% or more **OR**
- have been awarded a Purple Heart **OR**
- be a veteran of the Spanish, Philippine or Chinese Expedition **OR**
- have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross or Navy Cross.

N.B. The parents of a veteran who lost his/her life in service also are entitled to apply for this exemption.

**AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION VARIES  
ACCORDING TO DEGREE OF  
DISABILITY.**

## **Blind Person CLAUSE 37A**

### **To qualify, a taxpayer :**

- must be a legal resident of the Commonwealth.
- must own and occupy the property as his or her domicile **AND** file current proof of blindness each year with the application.

**UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS  
ENTITLED TO A \$500  
EXEMPTION.**

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*NOTE: TAXPAYERS WHO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSES 17D, 18, 41C OR 41A MAY ALSO QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT OF 30% OFF THEIR WATER/SEWER BILLS, DEPENDING ON THEIR WATER SERVICE. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE DETAILS.*

## **For Older Citizens CLAUSE 41A**

### **To qualify, a taxpayer :**

- must be over 65 as of July 1, 2012 **AND**
- must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years **AND**
- owned property in the state for five years **AND**
- must have occupied the property as of July 1, 2012 **AND**
- must have a total income of less than \$60,000 per year.

**UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS  
ENTITLED TO DEFER (DELAY)  
PAYMENT OF ANY PORTION OF  
THE PROPERTY TAX BILL.**

## **Age and Infirmary and Financial Hardship**

A property owner who cannot meet his/her real estate tax obligation due to AGE **AND** INFIRMITY **AND** POVERTY may apply for this exemption. To qualify, an applicant must present evidence to the Board of Assessors which corroborates individual's age **AND** infirmity **AND** inability to pay the assessed tax. Household income, assets, home equity and ability to defer taxes are some of the factors considered when determining poverty or financial hardship.

**UPON APPROVAL, THE AMOUNT  
GRANTED VARIES ACCORDING TO  
NEED.**

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For information on the state administered income tax circuit breaker program for eligible elderly residents, check [www.dor.state.ma.us](http://www.dor.state.ma.us) or call: (617) 887-6367.